 Weka – Waikari School

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Kia Ora Weka Whanau

Are you wondering why we are now called Weka? Each class has been renamed with a local past or present bird. These will replace the traditional Rooms 1, 2 and 3. Wekas are a bit like us. Curious, interested in their surroundings and ready to learn everything. I know the new Weka children at Waikari School will live up to their name sake.

**Our focuses for this term are:**

**Handwriting:** We are learning about the magic caterpillar, ask your child about him.

**Spelling**: Continuing our Rainbow spelling in class

**Maths:** Addition and subtraction, knowledge and…

**Reading**: Developing our understanding of what we read through books and poetry.

**Writing**: Sharing our ideas through writing and using our phonics knowledge to write independently

**Music:** We will be doing one session of music each week instead of Te Reo this term.

**Topic:** Our community, what is in our street and how have the people changed?

**\*\*\*\*\*\* HATS – HATS – HATS \*\*\*\*\*\* :** This term the children are required to wear hats all the time when outside. We have new Sun Smart hats which were named and handed out on Thursday.

**Yellow home reading books:** These will continue to be checked regularly. They will be collected as part of the morning jobs and comments written as needed. Please feel free to add comment or questions and I will reply below.

**Swimming:** We will be swimming every day in the first term, unless it is raining heavily. Please make sure your child has suitable togs that they can get on and off on their own. The pool is not heated and the children do get cold. Feel free to send a swimming cap to wear as this will keep your child warmer (and their hair dry). I also need parent help for this time on a Thursday and Friday 10:50-11:30am. Please let me know asap if you can help.

**Marvin’s Bag:** Marvin the monkey will continue to be sent home every weekend with one child. A bag comes with Marvin that has some clothes and a writing book. Please help your child to write a one page story about what they have done with him. The children love sharing this with the class on Monday morning. There are also some clothes missing from his bag. Can you please look out for his stripy brown top, blue overalls, and woolly pointy hat at home.

**Tissues:**  Can every child please provide a box of tissues for the class to use during the year. Don’t worry about the quality, but a bigger box would be great. Please name these and give them to Mrs C.

Feel free to come and join us at any time, we love visitors. Have a great day and keep a look out on the wiki page for new information about what we are getting up to.

Ka kite anō

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